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FOR AMBASSADOR SEELYE, NEA/ARN, FROM EILTS

E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: OPIV EG SY

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR SEELYE'S TRAVEL PLANS

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- 1. WOULD BE HAPPY MAKE CAR AVAILABLE, BUT AT RISK OF APPEARING NEGATIVE I FRANKLY THINK YOUR LAYOVER TIME IS TOO SHORT TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY SEE MUCH OF CAIRO. GIVEN DISTANCE AND TRAFFIC CONSIDERATIONS, IT IS ANYWHERE FROM A 45-MINUTE TO ONE-HOUR RUN FROM AIRPORT TO DOWNTOWN CAIRO AND SAME GOING BACK. ADDITIONALLY, TWA 840 HAS FOR PAST SEVERAL WEEKS BEEN ARRIVING ANYWHERE FROM AN HOUR TO SEVERAL HOURS LATE BECAUSE OF ROME AND ATHENS SLOW DOWNS AND STRIKES. ASSUMING THAT YOU MSUT BE AT SYRIAN AIRLINES CHECKOUT COUNTER AT LEAST AN HOUR AND A HALF BEFORE SV DEPARTURE, THIS DOESN'T GIVE YOU MUCH TIME.
- 2. CALLING THE EMBASSY FROM AIRPORT IS A DIFFICULT PROPOSITION. ABOUT ONE OUT OF EVERY TWENTY OR MORE CALLS FROM HELIOPOLIS TO DOWNTOWN CAIRO GET THROUGH. LARGE PORTION OF MY STAFF WILL BE AT ALEXANDRIA SUPPORTING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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